

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants propose amending claims 1, 11, 21, and 55 to improve form. Claims 1-21 and 55 remain pending.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 21, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by TESSLER et al. Claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al. Claims 6, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of BARAL et al. Claims 11-15, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of AOYAMA. Claims 16, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of AOYAMA, and further in view of BARAL et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections with respect to the amended claims.

Amended claim 1 recites receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from the first call station and associated with a second call station, where the request is initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the first call station and the second call station, and sending the number in accordance with the request. Applicants respectfully submit that TESSLER et al., BARAL et al., and AOYAMA, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest this combination of features.

For example, TESSLER et al., BARAL et al., and AOYAMA do not disclose or suggest receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number

sent from the first call station and associated with a second call station, where the request is initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the first call station and the second call station.

Support for this feature can be found, for example, at page 17, lines 21-24, of Applicants' specification. The Examiner relied on col. 7, lines 24-32, and Fig. 9 and col. 6, lines 58-67, of AOYAMA as allegedly disclosing a calling party initiating the retrieval of called party information in response to the calling party pressing at least one key (final Office Action, pg. 7).

Applicants submit that these sections of AOYAMA do not disclose or suggest that the request is initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the first call station and the second call station. In fact, AOYAMA specifically discloses that the calling party uses, prior to dialing, a specific function code to notify the originating exchange of the fact that only the information on the called party terminal is requested without accessing the called party (col. 7, lines 24-28). The disclosures of TESSLER et al. and BARAL et al. do not remedy this deficiency in the disclosure of AOYAMA. That is, TESSLER et al. and BARAL et al. do not disclose or suggest receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from the first call station and associated with a second call station, where the request is initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the first call station and the second call station.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over TESSLER et al., BARAL et al., and AOYAMA, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination.

Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable over TESSLER et al., BARAL et al., and AOYAMA, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Amended independent claims 11, 21, and 55 recite features similar to those given above with respect to claim 1. Therefore, these claims are patentable over TESSLER et al., BARAL et al., and AOYAMA, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 12-20 depend from claim 11. Therefore, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable over TESSLER et al., BARAL et al., and AOYAMA, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 11.

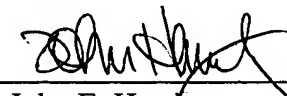
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the present amendment because the amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 13-2491 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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